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The Director of Central Intelligence

Washington, D.C. 20505

Intelligence Community Staff

ICS-83-3179
12 August 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR: Acting Director of Central Intelligence [REDACTED]

VIA: Acting Director, Intelligence Community Staff [REDACTED]

16 AUG 1983

FROM: [REDACTED]
Chairman, DCID 1/2 CommitteeSUBJECT: DCID 1/2 Annual Review Recommendation
for Priority Decreases [REDACTED]

1. Action Requested: That you approve or disapprove the priority decreases described in the attachment. [REDACTED]

2. Background: The proposed decreases, 349 in number, are the result of the recently concluded annual review of DCID 1/2 priorities. Some 440 priority decreases were proposed by Community elements and considered at DCID 1/2 Committee meetings in July; 296 of these were approved by the Committee. An additional 53 decreases were suggested by the Chairman or developed by the DCID 1/2 Committee in the course of its review and, following Community coordination, were approved at a DCID 1/2 Committee meeting on 5 August.

3. The decreases amount to 4% of the 9600 priority assignments that currently comprise the DCID 1/2 matrix. They more than balance the 240 new or higher priorities approved since issuance of the latest edition of the DCID 1/2 priorities document on 1 October 1982--and, in fact, return the percentage distribution of assignments at each priority level to almost precisely what it was on 1 October 1982. [REDACTED]

4. Regionally, the priority cuts were broadly distributed, but were heaviest in Western Europe, West Africa, and the Southeast Asia and Pacific regions. On a subject basis, priorities for military topics were lowered most frequently, followed by political and special subject topics. Relatively few priorities for economic subjects were lowered. We had no goals or quotas in any of these areas. Basically, the priority decreases reflected a consensus of the Community as to which intelligence needs have become relatively less important to U.S. interests. [REDACTED]

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5. Staff Position: The annual review of DCID 1/2 priorities was a Community undertaking in the fullest sense. Proposals for priority decreases were invited and received from the entire Community and each element of the Community was kept apprised of proposals made by other elements. A wide range of Community experts attended the DCID 1/2 Committee meetings and participated in Committee discussions. Most of the proposed decreases represent the consensus view of the DCID 1/2 Committee membership. Some decisions were by a majority or plurality of votes, but there are no written dissents and all of the DCID 1/2 member agencies and departments agreed that the total proposal should be passed to you for your approval.

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6. Recommendation: I recommend you approve the proposed decreases.

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Attachment:
a/s

Not approved per ER-4156-83

18 Aug 83

APPROVE:

Acting Director of Central Intelligence

Date

DISAPPROVE:

Acting Director of Central Intelligence

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